

REMARKS

In the Office Action claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims were rejected on prior art.

In response, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 16 and 17 have been amended and the remaining claims have been canceled.

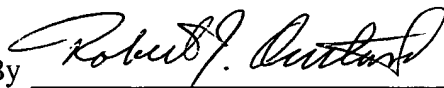
Claims 3 and 4 are made dependent on amended claim 1, which includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2, with the broad aspects of claims 3 and 4. Claims 8 and 9 are made dependent on amended claim 6, which now includes the subject matter of claim 7 with the broad aspects of claims 8 and 9. These claims are now believed to be in allowable form.

Claim 16 is rewritten in independent form, including the subject matter of original claim 6 and its dependent claims 13-15. Claim 17 is made dependent on claim 16 so that both are believed to be allowable.

Allowance of the amended claims is requested.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the issues raised in the Office Action and to place this case in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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